

A STRONG EDITORIAL TEAM.

Otto Raubenheimer, of Brooklyn, has been selected as Editor, and Prof. William Mansfield, of the New York College of Pharmacy, as Associate Editor of the Practical Druggist, of New York. The new staff thus represents both theory and practice, a combination that should place the Practical Druggist in class A among drug magazines. Both editors are loyal and active members of the A. Ph. A., and have been frequent contributors in the JOURNAL in the past, as we trust they will be in the future. The JOURNAL, and all A. Ph. A. members wish them the fullest measure of success.



DINNER IN HONOR OF MR.
E. H. THIESING.

The Ohio Valley Druggists' Association on Tuesday Evening, September 24th, tendered a surprise Banquet at Meidel's Summer Place to Mr. E. H. Thiesing, in recognition of the splendid services which he has rendered to the drug trade not only in this community, but throughout the country. Every member of the Ohio Valley Druggists' Association who could possibly arrange to be present was in attendance, and the gathering was one of the largest which has ever taken place in the history of the Local Association.

After full justice had been done to the splendid dinner, President Ehlers for the first time intimated the purpose of the occasion, and during a review of the history of the Ohio Valley Druggists' Association, its activities, its importance in the work of the National Association of Retail Druggists, and the services which some of its members had rendered as officers of The National Association, the speaker came to touch in particular upon the unselfish and able services rendered by Mr. Thiesing, and at that point the entire gathering rose spontaneously to sing a song in honor of Mr. Thiesing specially arranged by Mr. Henry J. Dusterberg. It was the very first inking to Mr. Thiesing that the evening was to be devoted to doing him honor, and consequently his surprise was more than complete. Still fur-

ther surprises however awaited him, and after having to listen to the well deserved praise because of his many efforts in behalf of the retail drug trade, he was finally made the recipient of a beautiful clock set in solid mahogany, as a lasting token of the appreciation and the high regard in which he is held by the entire Association Membership.

After the presentation many of the members present were called on, including Ex-President Kutchbauch, Edw. Voss, Jr., Victor Muhlberg, Ferd Ott, Frank H. Freericks, Otto Groenland, Edwin Heinemann, A. D. Wells, F. W. Kisker, Harry F. Freking, all of whom joined in expressions of high regard for the honored guest. Ex-President Kutchbauch in particular dwelt upon the many notable characteristics of Mr. Thiesing, his devotion to duty, and special fitness for taking a leading position in Association work.

The pleasures of the evening ended with a general resolve to next year re-elect Mr. Thiesing to the Executive Committee of the National Association, which desire was emphasized with three cheers and a tiger.



IMPROVED STATUS OF PHARMACISTS IN THE NAVY.

The Naval Appropriation Bill passed by Congress at its last session contains the following:

"That pharmacists shall after six years from date of warrant be commissioned chief pharmacists after passing satisfactorily such examination as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, and shall, on promotion, have the rank, pay and allowances of chief boat-swains."

The naval pharmacists of the United States several years ago, by the earnest work of the pharmacists of the whole United States, led by the American Pharmaceutical Association, secured the position and pay of warrant officers and rank in the Navy which carries from \$1,500 to \$2,500 salary a year and warrants by the President.

The Naval Appropriation Bill now causes the naval pharmacists to rank as the other warrant officers, i. e., they will be commissioned and have the rank and pay of ensigns, which is equivalent to second lieutenant on land.

When the American Pharmaceutical Association started their work a few years ago

in behalf of the pharmacists in the United States Navy, the only persons that the said pharmacists outranked were the negro cooks. The rank of warrant officers was secured some time ago, but now for the first time in the history of American pharmacy the chief pharmacists of the American Navy will be commissioned officers.

The pharmacists in the navies of nearly all civilized countries have long held commissions, and in this respect the United States has been very backward.

The work of the American pharmaceutical Association in behalf of the pharmacists in the service of the United States just before the Spanish-American War caused the elimination of foreigners in the United States Army, Navy and Marine Hospital Service, which has so pleased the American public. The association made the argument that the United States Government places should be filled by American citizens, and if capable American citizens could not be secured at the salaries offered, the salaries should be made larger. Congress agreed with the A. Ph. A. and salaries were made larger and foreigners were largely eliminated from the army, navy and marine hospital pharmaceutical service of the United States.

GEORGE F. PAYNE.



HERMANN SCHELENZ.

Hermann Schelenz, the German pharmaceutical historian, was born on April 9, 1848, in Kempen, Posen, near the Russian border. Owing to surroundings he became well acquainted with the Polish and Russian language, besides the native German. He visited the "Realschule" at Breslau, Silesia, and the "Gymnasium" at Krotoschin, and entered pharmacy in 1864 in the "Apotheke" at Carlsruhe, Upper Silesia. His leisure he utilized for pharmaceutical, chemical, botanical and other scientific studies, prepared herbaria for himself and other pharmacists and also obtained distinction by answering a pharmaceutical prize question. In 1867 he passed his state examination as assistant with the mark "excellent." For some years he was employed in the well known pharmacy and laboratory of Lehmann at Rendsburg, a relation to one of the founders of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. During the Franco-Prussian war he served at Spandau and through conversation with French pris-

oners learned to speak their language fluently. He graduated from the University Greifswald, being a class mate of E. G. Goetting, a prominent member of the New York Deutsche Apotheker Verein and the American Pharmaceutical Association. At Greifswald he also learned Italian and English and became quite a linguist. Although Prof. Limpricht asked him to become assistant to



HERMANN SCHELENZ, Cassel, Germany.
(Elected Honorary Member of the A. Ph. A.,
at the Sixtieth Annual Convention.)

the celebrated chemist, Prof. Kraut, at Hanover, Schelenz preferred to stay in retail pharmacy and took charge of the "Apotheke" and laboratory of his former employer, Lehmann, at Rendsburg, and became owner in 1875. He greatly increased his business and also entered the field of manufacturing pharmacy with success. Owing to ill health, he sold his business in 1893, and moved to Cassel, Hesse, and devoted himself entirely to pharmaceutical and especially historical studies. As early as 1870, Schelenz showed his literary abilities and has been a steady contributor to pharmaceutical and scientific literature ever since. In 1878 he published the first "Pharmakognostische Karte" (Phar-

macognostic map to the pharmacopœias of Europe), which twenty-five years later was enlarged and republished.

Among the great many papers by Schelenz the following are of special interest to the pharmaceutical profession: *Der Apotheker in der Literature* (The Apothecary in Literature), *Decoctum Zittmanni*, *Opodeldoc*, *The Soda Process*, *Cataplasma Kaolini* (translated by Otto Raubenheimer and published in the *A. J. Ph.*), *Runge*, the Apothecary, the father of the aniline dyes; *Arabersparen* in *chemischen Kunstausdrücker* (Arabic origin of chemical nomenclature), etc., etc. Schelenz also wrote the history of the *Pharmazeutische Zeitung* and of the *Zentralhalle*, for the jubilee numbers of both journals.

Of late years he has made a special study of Shakespeare and has published a series of papers on the pharmaceutical, chemical and medical knowledge of the poet. Schelenz is also the author of a number of larger works, i. e., *Kosmetik*; *Frauen in Reiche Aesculaps* (Women in the realm of Aesculapius); *Pflanzensammlungen und Kräuterbücher* (*Herbaria and Herb Books*), etc. His masterwork, however, is "*Geschichte der Pharmazie*." (History of Pharmacy), a book of 1000 pages, a complete history of pharmacy, chemistry, botany and materia medica, from the earliest times to the present day. This "standard" work will remain an everlasting monument to the author. Schelenz has been greatly honored in Germany by being chairman of the committee for the examination of apprentices, chairman of the Schleswig-Holstein Branch of the *Deutsche Apotheker Verein*, member of the Commission for the improvement of the status of pharmacists in the military service, etc., etc. At present he is treasurer of the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Medizin und Naturwissenschaften* (German Association for the History of Medicine and natural sciences.)

The reputation of Schelenz extends far beyond the "Vaterland." He is a corresponding member of the *Association pharmaceutique de la province de Liège*, an honorary member of the *Société de pharmacie d'Anvers*, and he is well acquainted personally or by correspondence with scientists over the entire world. The American Pharmaceutical Association has honored Schelenz and has also honored itself by electing him an honorary member at the Denver Convention in 1912.

Let us hope that Schelenz, the "father of

pharmaceutical history," will become better known even in America, and that the knowledge of the history of pharmacy will be more appreciated by pharmacists throughout the world.

OTTO RAUBENHEIMER.

Proceedings of the Local Branches

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SAINT LOUIS BRANCH, ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Saint Louis Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association held in the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy, 2110 Locust street, on Friday evening, October 18, the present officers were re-elected unanimously to serve another year: President, William K. Ilhardt; First Vice-President, J. A. Wilkerson; Second Vice-President, Arthur C. Schulte; Treasurer, Carl T. Buehler; Secretary, William H. Lamont; Advisory Board, Delta E. Combs, Louis Lieberstein and N. Emery Williams.

Charles Geitner, member of the State Board of Pharmacy, and H. O. A. Huegel, President of the Missouri Pharmaceutical Association, read splendid papers, the subject being "*Comments on the Missouri Pharmacy Law*," pointing out some of its inconsistencies and technicalities. Many good points were brought out in the discussion led by Professor Francis Hemm and Doctor Leo Suppan.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held in the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy on Friday evening, November 22.

WILLIAM H. LAMONT, Secretary.